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OUR SIXTY SECOND YEAR

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MEETINGS: 2nd and 4th Fridays each Month.

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U. C. Missions Bldg.

Burnham Hall.

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222 S. Downey Ave.

8:00 P. M.

MEETING: September 8, 1978.

Come prepared to describe your first rig. Bring some old pix or some of the old parts if still laying around. This should bring forth some tall tales.

THANKS A word of thanks from V. P. Jerry Lucas, W9BS to all those who assisted at the Indianapolis Radio Club booth at the Indianapolis Hamfest namely, WD9DLA, WB9WRC, WB9LID, W9GFA, WB9UBC, WB9QWU, W9ZRK, W9AI, W9MOY and W9EL. If I have forgotten anyone I'm sorry and thanks to them too.

APPOINTED

Jerry Lucas, W9BS has been appointed Ass't E. C. for the Indianapolis Radio Club and would like to ask each of you to fill out the ARES registration form which he will pass out at the meeting. Return them to Jerry or mail to Bruce Woodward, WA9UMH, 6280 Bremshaw Road, 46220

NEW PAPERWORK

The new Club Constitution was promulgated last June and contains the latest amendments concerning fund and property distributions after having been successfully voted upon by the membership. If you have not received this material, contact the officers at a next meeting and request a copy. The second paperwork issued in the Spring was promulgated by Gene VanSickle, W9KJF, our Chief Opr, covering all the Club's property which is at the disposal of the membership. Contact Gene if you need this list.

TORNADO Tornadoic winds struck the Northwest section of Indy causing considerable damage to trees, buildings powerlines and antennas. Art Schultz, W9BR lost his 4 element Quad as well as the 60 foot Spaulding tower which was bent over at right angles about 22 feet off the ground, even though it was guyed at 6 points. Two maple trees were topped out by the storm, heavy branches falling 50 feet crushing the kitchen roof.

AMATEUR LICENSE PLATES

It is time to get your application into the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Special Plates dept. plus the \$2.00 fee if you want call letter plates next year. It would be appreciated if someone would stop by the appropriate office and pick up about 50 copies of the Application blanks for distribution at Club Meetings.

HAMFESTS The second annual Clinton County hamfest is scheduled for Sept. 10th at the Clinton County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, Ind. Everything held inside running from 0800 to 1700. There is a big beer and food bash at Cincy, Ohio on the 17th of Sept. Big Flea market, lots of goodie prizes and XYL activities.

SILENT KEY

We regret the passing of James Tex Towler, W9MNY on August 15 at Community Hosp. due to pulmonary carcinoma. Tex was well known to many of our membership having been an Electronics Tech at the RCA plant during WWII and then later employed by Regency Elect. at Lawrence, Ind. We shall all miss this talented and capable op.

AUCTION On 23 June, past, the Club met at the Apple Apartments, 5800 Georgetown Rd., Indy, where about 30 members spiritedly outbid each other in a rather active competition for the many goodies being offered. The Club cleared \$17.09 on the sale, however, there was a \$20 charge made for the use of the premises so our net take was not all that large. We had a conflict at the Missions bldg. for our regular meeting rooms.

NEW CALL We are pleased to announce that Willard Walsh is now the proud owner of a brand new call, AA9T, after upgrading himself to Extra Class dropping the familiar old call of WB9UMB.

INDY HAMFEST

This one held 9th of July past was the best one ever, with a increase of some 10% over last years attendance. The weather was a bit wet at first but things cleared and things got bright and clear for the rest of the day. The flea market was quite extensive both indoors and out, plenty of nice looking goodies being offered. There were prizes galore and the food was somewhat improved. IRC had a booth at which club literature was distributed and questions answered. Our thanks to all who manned this booth as well and the Official booth, handling the prizes. We also commend the Indy Hamfest Committee on the job well done in putting on such a well organized and sleek running show. While on the subject of Hamfests, the ones held at Turkey Run, Lafayette, Wabash, etc, also were enjoyably attended by man of the Hams from Indy.

GIBRALTAR DXPEDITION Ron Williams, W9JVF/ZB2CS, our Club Trustee and his XYL, W9PBT put on this DX effort during July 20-25, past. Ron did most of the operating on 20 meter SSB using a FT-101 and a 2 Element Quad, operating from the QTH of Jimmy Buzon, ZB2BL, contacting about 50 countries in 500 QSO's. The Gibraltar Radio Club has a beacon operating on 50.3 mhz. ZB2VFH for the purpose of determining propagation conditions. The William's visited Tangier, Morocco, and the RSGB while in London, Ron received valuable assistance also from Cecil McEwen, ZB2CF while on the Rock.

FOR SALE Johnson Adventurer rig, 50 watts, 80 thru 10, Xtal, CW in perfect shape. a bargain these days at \$25.00 Contact Charles Monnier, WD9HVS, 3843 N. Audubon Rd. 545-5446. These little rigs make an excellent antenna SWR tester, you can easily take the rig up on the roof of out to the tower and do your pruning with a husky Xtal Controlled sig.

SUN SPOTS

The Solar flux activity is ever on the upswing, each month bringing longer hours of good DX conditions, higher MUF's and less noise on the higher freqs. During the last few days of July, the sun put out a whopper flare, apparently one of the most intense ever observed and recorded. Radio propagation as well as wire services were royally screwed up by this one for three or four days after. African paths are improving, even on 10. Those who need Sable Island (near Canada) new country watch for VE1MTA on 14 mhz SSB. Russian hams do QSL. The writer just received 1500 DX QSL's via UPS of which about 500 are from the various, USSR communities. Box 88 Moscow, handled 3½ million outgoing USSR cards in 1977. Mellish Reef DXpedition is sked for 29 Sept. SSB and CW. If you work a EF8 prefix, don't get excited, it's only a temporary replacement for the VY1 Yukon territory stations thru Dec1, 1978. If you work VR7CR you got yourself a phoney since the QSL manager, quoted by him, knows nothing about him. This prefix is not assigned or listed anywhere.

We hope you all had a enjoyable Summer Vacation and are now ready to get down to some real constructive work, both for yourself and the Club.

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MEETING: September 22, 1978.

David Bowden- Licensed Para-Medic and voluntary Fireman, will talk on Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid.

Everyone should be familiar with the above subjects. Knowing what to do in time of need may save yours, of a loved ones life.

DON'T Miss this one.